

XM is the most innovative means of providing music and news to consumers in the last century. The ability to garner information on traffic and weather is a superb addition to this radio format. More importantly, these features allow the listener to access relevant information while traveling. This information has a potential direct impact on one's personal safety. Rather than searching for minutes or hours for an AM/FM radio station in any area of the country, one can immediately access critical information. The subscribers pay for access to this information. This is analogous to paying for the ability to access entertainment and news from cable or satellite -dish television. Satellite radio is an area of essential economic growth for our country. The features provided to the consumer by satellite radio should not be compromised by attempts from the National Association of Broadcasters to monopolize the access to music and information.